



Hermitage Academy Parent Council AGM
7 September 2021
Zoom 7pm-8pm

Attending

HAPC:		Year Rep	
Stella Kinloch	SK	S1	X
Kathleen Daly	KD	S1	X
Laura Watt	LW	S1	A
Miles Stratton	MS	S2	X
Andrew Tennant	AT	S2	X
Angela Bakker	AB	S2	X
Rob Taylor	RT	S3	A
Philip Hartley	PH	S3	X
Claire Walker	CW	S4	X
Nanette Clark	NC	S5	A
Elizabeth Lambert	EL	S5	X
Lisa Johnstone	KD	S6	X
Donna Hicks	DH	S6	X
Lucy Sage	LS	S&D rep	X

Agenda Item	Actions
1. Welcome & Apologies The meeting was opened by SK	
2. Chairperson's Report Appendix A	
3. Treasurer's Report Appendix B	
4. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting LJ	approved
Head teacher's Report DM Appendix C	
Nominations were taken for year reps and there being no objections were elected as follows: S1 – William Currie, Elaine Kordys S2 - Stella Kinloch, , Laura Watt S3 - Miles Stratton, S4 -Philip Hartley, Rob Taylor S5 – Andrew Tennant S6 - Nanette Clark, Elizabeth Lambert S&D - Lucy Sage	approved
Vote of thanks to outgoing executive, welcome all new members. LJ	
a. AOB Thanks were expressed DM for the work undertaken by the Parent Council throughout what had been a busy year especially with the Empowering our Educators consultation. The Parent Council had supported the school by attending interviews, S1 information meeting for parents, advising on the Communication group and Stakeholder panel for the School Improvement Plan. As well as being available to provide support during the year.	

Annex A

Chairperson Report

The session 2021/22 has, in contrast to the years before, seen a real emergence of the school and a great relief that we are now beginning to feel that our school world has returned, somewhat, to normal.

The past year has seen great work from the Parent Council in contribution to the Communications and School Improvement Plan working groups. The improved and regular School Newsletter providing the key dates, news and future plans for the school. The parent council continues this work in this forthcoming year. The parent council have represented the Parent Forum in each Senior Leadership Team recruitment.

It has been lovely to be back in school in person to meet our new S1 parents and take part in information evenings and generally be present in our representation of the forum.

The work from the ASN parent group led by Lucy Sage should not go unnoticed in raising awareness and championing improved access and outcomes for all young people at the Academy.

A key focus of the past year has been the Empowering our Educators consultation from the central Education Service, which unfortunately did take a good deal of focus away from our local improvements. The proposal in principle has now been withdrawn. That said it is expected to move ahead with more detailed planning and further work to define and establish clearer scope for the changes. So as they say, watch this space!

The Parent Council will continue to work in partnership to provide the parent and carer perspective ensuring the outcomes for pupils at Hermitage are made with pupils at the heart of the decision making, with an ethos of nurture and championing.

As outgoing Chair, I would give special thanks to all who have served on the committee throughout this year. Everyone's time and contribution to the committee are much appreciated, a lot of personal commitment is given to the Parent Council by members and I thank you all for this commitment.

Stella Kinloch

Chairperson 2021/22